

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 6 have been canceled; claims 3, 8, 10, and 11 have been amended; and claim 17 has been added.

Claim 3 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2, and new claim 17 is essentially the combination of old claim 3 and old claim 6. Amendments to the remaining claims merely corrects claim dependencies. No new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

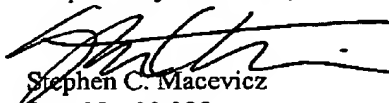
The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Warner et al (U.S. Patent 5,604,130). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, particularly in view of the amendments. As claim 3 now includes the limitations that the Examiner indicated would render it allowable, the above rejection has been obviated. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 3 and 5 as being anticipated by Kolb et al (U.S. Patent 5,961,926). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, particularly in view of the amendments. As new claim 17 incorporates the descriptions of old claims 3 and 6, the above rejection has been obviated, and claim 17 is allowable over the cited art as noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that any basis for the rejections have been overcome by amendment and/or argument and respectfully request that they be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and the application quickly passed to issue.

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from deposit account 50-2266.

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